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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Dear Interested Citizen:

The Grants Pass Resource Area, Medford District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has recently completed the planning and an environmental assessment (EA) for the "Young Stand Maintenance Brushing and Pre-Commercial Thinning with Fuel Hazard Reduction Project." This project proposes maintenance brushing and pre-commercial thinning with subsequent fuel hazard reduction of approximately 5,686 acres. The areas proposed for treatment are scattered throughout the resource area. A vicinity map showing the project location is enclosed.

We have placed the EA on our web site (www.or.blm.gov/Medford) under planning documents/ environmental assessments should you wish to review and comment on it. If you do not have Internet access and would like to receive a paper copy of the EA, we will be happy to send you one upon request. The comment period for this EA will end on **June 26, 2003**. Comments that clearly articulate site specific issues or concerns are most useful to us.

If you have questions about the project that are not addressed in the EA, please contact Steve Schober at (541) 618-2365. Steve is our project planning team leader. If you would like to comment on the EA, please send them to us at the above address or e-mail them to us at or110mb@or.blm.gov. As we make our decisions regarding the project, we will consider all pertinent site specific comments.

This project is one of many that are based on implementing our 1995 Resource Management Plan (RMP). We have designed the proposed young stand management work so that it conforms with the objectives of the RMP and with the standards and guidelines of the Northwest Forest Plan.

If you would like to comment, but confidentiality is of concern to you, you may request that we withhold your name and/or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. Please state this clearly at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All comments received from organizations or officials of organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

We appreciate your interest in this project and thank you for your continuing interest in the resource management activities of the BLM and the Grants Pass Resource Area.

Sincerely,

Abbie Jossie
Field Manager
Grants Pass Resource Area

Enclosure (as stated)